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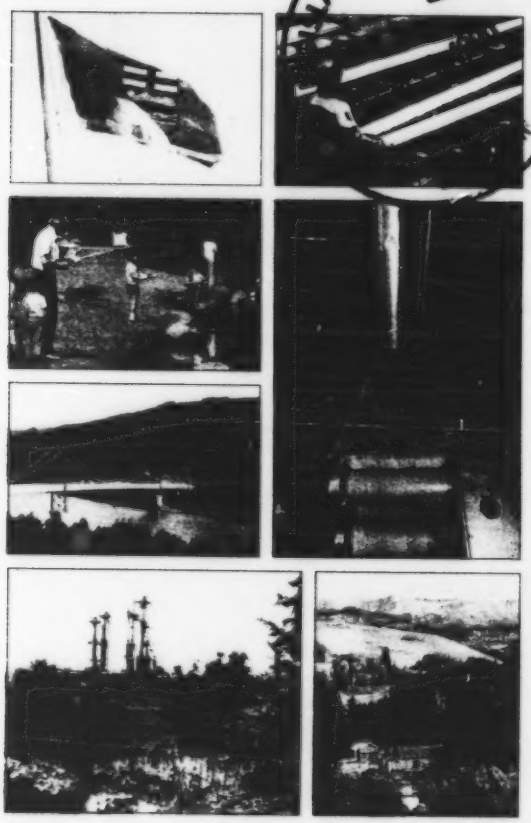

Alberta

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THE GOVERNMENT

Lieutenant-Governor: Honourable Helen Hunley
Premier: Honourable Don R. Getty

Alberta became a province of Canada in 1905. Legislative authority is granted to the Legislative Assembly which currently has 83 elected members. The Lieutenant-Governor and the Assembly make up the Legislature - the body responsible for making laws in the province. The present government is formed by the Progressive Conservative Party led by Hon. Don R. Getty.

Standings according to parties are:

Progressive Conservative	59
New Democrat (Official Opposition)	16
Liberal	8

Government Finance — 1990/91 (e)

	$ Millions
Budgetary Revenue	11,420
Budgetary Expenditure	12,200
Budgetary Deficit	780

THE PEOPLE

Population — April 1 ('000)

	1988	1989	1990
Alberta	2,383.8	2,417.0	2,459.2
Annual Growth Rate (%)	0.4	1.4	1.7

In 1990, the population density was 3.7 persons per square kilometre. Just over 9% of Canada's population resides in Alberta.

Broad Age Groups — April 1, 1990 ('000)

Age	Male	Female	Total
0 - 14	297.9	283.1	581.0
15 - 44	625.6	611.4	1,237.0
45 - 64	213.7	208.2	421.9
65 & Over	94.8	124.3	219.2
TOTAL	1,232.1	1,227.1	2,459.2

Urban & Rural Distribution of Population (%)

	1981	1986
Urban	77.2	79.4
Rural	22.8	20.6
	100.0	100.0

Population of Alberta Cities — June 30

	1984	1989
Airdrie	10,431	11,424
Calgary (Proper)	619,814	671,138
Camrose	12,751	12,968
Drumheller	6,671	6,366
Edmonton (Proper)	560,085	583,872
Fort McMurray	35,352	33,698
Fort Saskatchewan	12,474	11,983
Grande Prairie	24,411	27,208
Leduc	12,471	13,363
Lethbridge	58,586	60,614
Lloydminster (Alta. portion)	9,226	10,201
Lloydminster (Sask. portion)	6,005	6,635
Medicine Hat	41,493	42,290
Red Deer	51,070	55,947
Spruce Grove	11,569	12,332
St. Albert	35,529	39,388
Wetaskiwin	10,022	10,103

Families by Type (No.)

	1981	1986
Husband-Wife	508,715	543,465
Lone-Parent	56,920	72,860
TOTAL	565,635	616,320
Average No. of Children Per Family	1.4	1.3
Average No. of Persons Per Family	3.3	3.2

Vital Statistics — 1989 (p)

	No.	Rate*
Births	43,780	18.0
Deaths	13,910	5.7
Marriages	18,940	7.8

* Per 1,000 Population

COMMUNICATION

	1990
Telephone Subscriber Lines in Service	1,379,588
T.V. Broadcasting Stations	118
A.M. & F.M. Radio Broadcasting Stations	174
Daily Newspapers	9
Weekly Newspapers	150

HEALTH & EDUCATION

Health Care Facilities — 1989

	No.
Public General Hospitals	126
Federal General Hospitals	2
Mental Health Hospitals	2
Auxiliary Hospitals*	38
Nursing Homes	91

* Auxiliary hospital beds are also present in 43 of the Public General Hospitals.

Educational Institutions — 1988/89

	No.	Full-Time Enrolment
Public & Separate Schools (Grades 1-12)	1,529	432,718
Private Schools	156	13,430
Public Colleges	11	19,861
Technical Institutes	3	12,089
Universities	5	56,370
Vocational Centres	4	15,943
Private Colleges	4	2,100
Private Vocational Schools	95	14,300(e)
Hospital-Based Schools of Nursing	6	1,534

Graduates by Level — 1988/89

	No.
Secondary Schools	25,069
Public Colleges	4,385
Technical Institutes	4,430
Hospital-Based Schools of Nursing	437
Bachelor's & First Professional Degrees	8,182
University Certificates & Diplomas	384
Master's Degrees	1,213
Doctorates	284

TRANSPORTATION

Major Airlines

Currently served by Canadian Airlines International, Air Canada, Wardair, Northwest Airlines, Delta Air Lines, America West, Lufthansa Airlines, American Airlines, United Airlines, KLM Airlines, Northwest Territorial Airways, Air BC and Time Air. These airlines serve major Alberta cities, providing regularly scheduled flights to points in Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Railways — 1990

The two main railway systems, Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railway, have a total trackage of 10,200 kilometres. Bulk commodities moved include wheat and other grains, coal, sulphur, petrochemicals and timber products.

Highways and Roads — 1990

There are currently 153,873 kilometres of highways and roads, of which 21,550 are paved and 109,763 are gravelled.

Motor Vehicle Registrations — 1990

	No.
Passenger Vehicles	1,439,004
Other	460,969
TOTAL	1,899,973

TOURISM

Tourism Receipts ($ Millions) (e)

	1984	1989(p)
Albertans	907	1,240
Other Canadians	574	704
U.S.A. Visitors	227	409
Overseas Visitors	89	229
TOTAL	1,800	2,580

Parks System — 1990

The five national parks in Alberta total 49,319 square kilometres, the largest area of any province in Canada.

	Sq. Km.
Banff	6,641
Elk Island	194
Jasper	10,878
Waterton Lakes	526
Wood Buffalo	31,080
There are also:	
61 Provincial Parks	1,262
126 Provincial Recreation Areas*	152
11 Ecological Reserves	214
4 Wilderness Areas**	5,604
119 Natural Areas	356

*Includes 80 areas in Kananaskis
**Includes Willmore Wilderness Park

Passenger Counts for National Parks — 1989

	No.
Banff (East Gate)	5,202,717
Banff (David Thompson)	216,037
Elk Island	377,643
Jasper	2,413,555
Waterton Lakes	551,788
TOTAL	8,761,740

Dwelling Starts, All Areas (No.)

	1987	1988	1989
Single-Detached	9,495	9,671	12,345
Other	1,295	1,689	2,367
TOTAL	10,790	11,360	14,712

Construction Work Purchased ($ Millions)

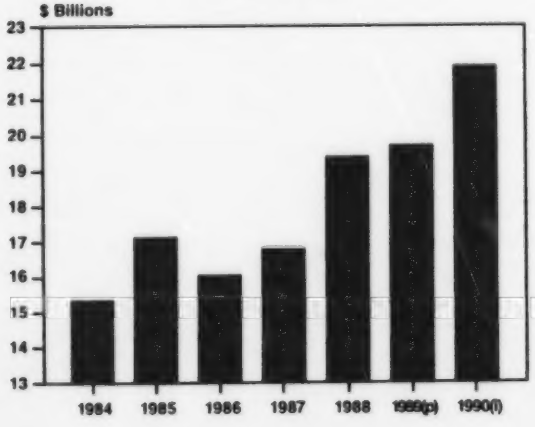
	1988	1989(p)	1990(i)
Building Construction	4,984	5,253	5,848
Residential	2,260	2,633	3,125
Industrial	323	380	442
Commercial	1,511	1,298	1,236
Institutional	467	507	594
Other Building	424	436	451
Engineering Construction	6,803	6,541	7,485
TOTAL	11,787	11,795	13,333

Private and Public Investment ($ Millions)

	1988	1989(p)	1990(i)
Capital Expenditures	15,155	15,284	17,371
Repair Expenditures	4,233	4,373	4,594
TOTAL	19,388	19,657	21,965

In 1989, Alberta accounted for almost 12% of total investment in Canada. Alberta per capita investment was $8,112, higher than the national figure of $6,480.

Total Investment



Personal Income

	1987	1988	1989(p)
Total Income ($ Millions)	43,456	47,518	50,678
Per Capita ($)	18,274	19,841	20,864

Farm Cash Receipts ($ Millions)

	1984	1989
Total Crops	1,857	1,812
Wheat (Including Durum Wheat)	904	560
Barley	292	349
Canola	399	408
Other	262	495
Total Livestock & Products	1,795	2,137
Cattle & Calves	1,164	1,462
Hogs	244	249
Dairy Products	214	247
Other	173	179
Total Direct Payments	332	560
TOTAL	3,984	4,509

Manufacturing Shipments ($ Millions)

	1984	1989
Food & Beverages	3,909	4,512
Chemicals & Chemical Products	2,096	3,298
Petroleum & Coal Products	4,317	3,029
Primary Metals	795	1,120
Fabricated Metal Products	615	1,075
Wood	539	930
Printing, Publishing & Allied	521	755
Machinery*	543	746
Paper & Allied Products	452	587
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	490	546
Transportation Equipment	125	506
Other	886	1,508
TOTAL	15,288	18,612

*Except Electrical Machinery

Mineral Production — 1989(p)

	$ Millions	%
Petroleum, Crude	8,960	55.3
Natural Gas	4,421	27.3
Natural Gas By-Products	1,579	9.7
Coal	503	3.1
Sulphur (Elemental)	401	2.5
Sand & Gravel	135	0.8
Other	209	1.3
TOTAL	16,207	100.0

THE ECONOMY

Gross Domestic Product ($ Millions)

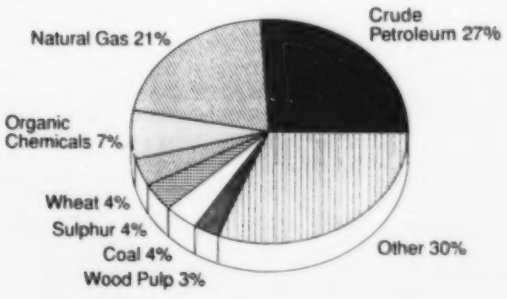
	1987	1988	1989(p)
At Market Prices	58,993	62,801	66,706
Annual Growth Rate (%)	4.3	6.5	6.2
In Constant (1981) Dollars	53,623	58,185	58,474
Annual Growth Rate (%)	2.9	8.5	0.5
By Industry At Factor Cost:			
Agriculture	2,035	2,817	2,318
Forestry & Related (1)	675	757	798
Mining	10,554	9,893	10,427
Manufacturing	4,458	4,907	5,111
Construction	3,048	3,460	3,816
Transportation	4,108	4,294	4,553
Utilities	2,028	2,184	2,302
Trade	5,585	6,138	6,526
Finance	11,362	11,786	12,517
Community, Business & Personal Services	11,216	12,116	13,158
Public Administration	3,210	3,332	3,554
GDP AT FACTOR COST	58,277	61,685	65,080

(1) Values for wood and paper & allied industries are included in Forestry rather than Manufacturing.

International Exports — 1989(p)

Alberta exports were valued at $13 billion in 1989, a slight decrease from 1988. The largest export markets were U.S.A., Japan, South Korea, People's Republic of China, U.S.S.R., Taiwan, Saudi Arabia and Australia. These eight nations accounted for over 90% of Alberta's exports to other countries.

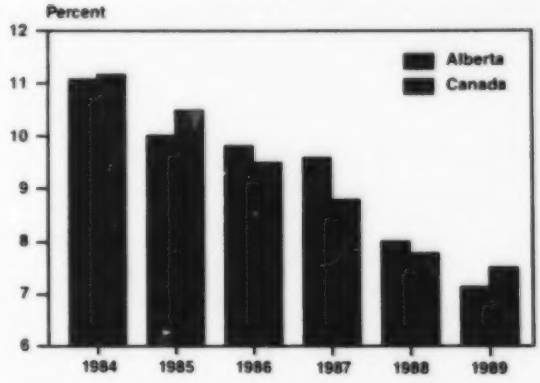
Distribution of Major Export Commodities — 1989



Labour Force Activity ('000)

	1984	1989
Labour Force	1,241	1,308
Employed	1,104	1,214
Unemployed	138	94
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.1	7.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.9	72.4
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	64.0	67.2

Unemployment Rate



Retail Trade

		Per Capita ($)	
	$ Millions	Alberta	Canada
1987	14,855	6,248	6,001
1988	15,954	6,679	6,376
1989	17,106	7,060	6,587

Retail Trade by Kind of Business — 1989

	$ Millions	%
Automotive	5,557	32.5
Food Stores	3,451	20.2
Department Stores	1,524	8.9
General Merchandise	1,007	5.9
Clothing Stores	840	4.9
Household Furniture/Appliances	479	2.8
Other	4,248	24.8
TOTAL	17,106	100.0

THE LAND

Alberta is the fourth largest province in Canada. Its area covers 661,185 square kilometres, of which 97% is land. The remainder is made up of several large bodies of water and numerous smaller lakes, rivers and streams. The general geographic areas are prairies, parkland (mixed forests and plains), forests and the mountain region.

Climate

The province is characterized by low humidity and considerable variation between areas and seasons. July average temperatures for most areas are between 15°C and 20°C; the mean temperature in January ranges from −8°C to −26°C. Alberta receives more hours of sunshine than any other province in Canada.

p - Preliminary
i - Intentions
e - Estimate
No. - Number

Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

NOTE: All data are current as of July, 1990.

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